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1. SUMMARY. PRC MEDIA CONTINUE TO MAKE PLAIN THAT IT IS OPEN SEASON ON OUSTED OFFICIALS IN THE NORTHEAST. THE LATEST MANCHURIAN MISCREANTS TO COME UNDER PUBLIC ATTACK ARE FORMER LUTA LUMICIPAL FIRST SECRETARY AND GARRISON COMMANDER LIU TEH-TSAI AND A HOST OF UNDERLINGS. THE APRIL 6 PEOPLE'S DAILY PUBLISHED ON PAGE ONE A LONG ARTICLE AND A COMMENTATOR ESSAY DETAILING LIU'S MISALLOCATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS, HIS TRANSFORMATION OF LUTA INTO AN "INDEPENDENT KINGDOM," HIS ULTIMATE EXPOSURE AT THE HANDS OF THE MASSES, AND HIS REMOVAL FROM ALL OFFICES AND ARREST LAST NOVEMBER. NOT SURPRISINGLY, LIU'S MISDEEDS ARE TIED TO HIS LONG-STANDING AFFILIATION WITH THE GANG OF FOUR. PROMINENT ATTENTION TO A CASE NOW FOUR MONTHS OLD SERVES TWO MAJOR PURPOSES: TO PLACE OFFICIALS ON NOTICE THAT ARBITRARY ACTIONS WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED UNDER THE NEW SOCIALIST RULE OF LAW AND TO RAISE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STATE OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE IN THE NORTHEAST.
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END SUMMARY.

2. PRC MEDIA CONTINUE TO HAMMER HOME A POINT ALREADY OBVIOUS FROM RECENT EXPOSES OF TROUBLES IN HEILUNGKIANG AND KIRIN (REFTEL): IT IS OPEN SEASON ON OUSTED OFFICIALS IN THE NORTHEAST. THE LATEST MANCHURIAN MISCREANTS TO COME UNDER PUBLIC ATTACK ARE FORMER LUTA MUNICIPAL PARTY FIRST SECRETARY, LUTA

GARRISON COMMANDER, AND SHENYANG MILITARY REGION DEPUTY COMMANDER
LIU TEH-TSAI; HIS LUTA PARTY SECRETARY HSUAN SHIH-MING; AND
A HOST OF UNDERLINGS ON THE LUTA PARTY COMMITTEE, THE LUTA
PUBLIC SECURITY APPARATUS, AND ON THE ADMINISTERING BODIES OF
LUTA ENTERPRISES.

3. AS RECOUNTED IN A LONG ARTICLE BY STAFF REPORTER KU TIEH-FENG
AND A COMMENTATOR PIECE IN THE APRIL 6 PEOPLE'S DAILY,
LIU TEH-TSAI AND HIS COHORTS WERE FOUND GUILTY OF MISALLOCATING
STATE FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT "OUTSIDE THE STATE PLAN" SOME 64
BUILDINGS IN THE MUNICIPALITY SINCE 1974. THESE INCLUDED
21 RECREATION CLUBS, 7 HOSTELS, AND 2 LARGE-SCALE OFFICE
BUILDINGS -- ALL APPARENTLY INTENDED FOR THE PRIVATE USE AND
ENJOYMENT OF LIU AND HIS CRONIES. AS A RESULT OF THEIR
TURNING LUTA INTO AN "INDEPENDENT KINGDOM" OUTSIDE CENTRAL
CONTROL, ONLY ONE OF FIVE KEY CONSTRUCTION TARGETS FOR 1976 WAS
COMPLETED.

4. LIU AND THE OTHERS CAME UNDER INVESTIGATION IN MID-1977
AS A RESULT OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO CENTRAL AUTHORITIES BY
ONE OF THE CITIZENS IN LUTA. BY LATE 1977 THE INVESTIGATION
WAS COMPLETED AND ALL OFFENDERS WERE REMOVED FROM THEIR
POSITIONS FOLLOWING A NOVEMBER MASS GATHERING IN LUTA.
ACCORDING TO PEOPLE'S DAILY, "RECENT" DECISIONS BY THE
STATE COUNCIL, THE MILITARY COMMISSION, THE LIAONING
PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE AND THE SHENYANG MILITARY REGION
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PARTY COMMITTEE DEALT SEVERELY WITH ALL. BY DECISION OF
THE STATE COUNCIL AND THE MILITARY COMMISSION, LIU WAS STRIPPED
OF ALL POSITIONS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE PARTY, WAS REDUCED IN
GRADE, AND TOOK A CUT IN SALARY; HSUAN SHIH-MING, BY DECISION
OF THE SAME ORGANS, WAS REMOVED FROM ALL POSITIONS, STRIPPED
OF HIS PARTY MEMBERSHIP, AND WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST; AND
OTHER LESSER OFFENDERS WERE GIVEN SIMILAR PENALTIES BY THE
LIAONING AND SHENYANG ORGANS CONCERNED. (THESE DECISIONS
WERE REPORTED IN WALL POSTERS SEEN IN LUTA LATE LAST YEAR BY
JAPANESE VISITORS.)

5. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE MISDEEDS OF LIU AND HIS ASSOCIATES
ARE TIED DIRECTLY TO THEIR FACTIONAL AFFILIATION WITH THE
GANG OF FOUR AND THEIR "DIEHARD SUPPORTER IN LIAONING" (I.E.
MAO TSE-TUNG'S NEPHEW MAO YUAN-HSIN). CORRUPTED BY THE
CORROSIVE BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY OF THE GANG OF FOUR, THE
PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTATOR ASSERTS, LIU ET AL RAN RAMPANT DURING
THE PERIOD THAT THE GANG RAN RAMPANT ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

6. INTERESTINGLY, THE COMMENTATOR ACKNOWLEDGES INDIRECTLY
THAT REALIZATION OF THE FOUR MODERNIZATIONS BY THE YEAR 2000
WILL BE NO EASY TASK: "OUR COUNTRY'S ECONOMY IS STILL VERY

BACKWARD, THE PEOPLE'S STANDARD OF LIVING IS STILL VERY LOW, AND IT WILL REQUIRE SEVERAL DECADES OF ARDUOUS STRUGGLE TO MAKE OUR COUNTRY AND OUR PEOPLE PROSPEROUS." UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, MISALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDS AND STATE BUILDING MATERIALS IS ALL THE MORE REPREHENSIBLE.

7. COMMENT: ONE MAJOR PURPOSE OF SUCH A DETAILED EXPOSE, OF COURSE, IS TO SERVE NOTICE ON ALL CADRE THAT ARBITRARY ACTIONS WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED UNDER THE NEW SOCIALIST RULE OF LAW. BUT THE MAIN OBJECTIVE ONCE AGAIN IS POLITICAL: TO DRAW THE NOOSE STILL TIGHTER AROUND THE NECKS OF SHENYANG COMMANDER LI TEH-SHENG AND LIAONING FIRST SECRETARY TSENG HSAO-SHAN BY INNUENDO. THE READER IS UNDOUBTEDLY MEANT TO ASK HIMSELF WHAT LI AND TSENT WERE DOING WHILE THEIR DIRECT

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